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MARCH 2014
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MARCH MEETING

At Thomi's Café

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at noon

627 South Hwy. 49 - Jackson, CA. - (209) 257 0800

For Details go to www.ccbr.org

Many thanks to Ray Trujillo for organizing this meeting.

The President Says!!

By Bob Kuykendall

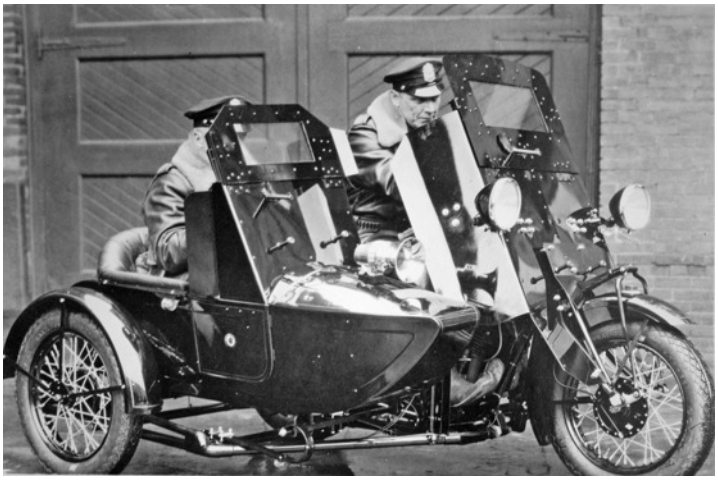
TRI-BMW Club GPS Workshop

By now I am sure that you have at least mentally laid out several of your 2014 rides, perhaps using the time honored paper map or google maps or perhaps you have a GPS mounted on your steed. To me GPS units are sort of like the remote control for the cable TV and DVR or other similar wonders. That is, there are more buttons, options and a thick user manual that you have not read or do not want to read. I think this is true for a number of riders. We give it a try a few times to lay out a route or download a route file with way points from a co-riders email and it does not work and your computer cannot open the file and what you see is a litany of other screen displays.

Well, the Tri-Club GPS Workshop - collectively sponsored by Central Cal, BMW Norcal and River City Beemers - is scheduled for April 12. It is intended to help you get past those issues so you can take the correct route using your GPS unit. Take a look at the information posted on the CCBR website and sign up early or no later than April 1, 2014. We have space for 35 folks.

Experienced Rider Course

After you have grown in your GPS capabilities, you may want to refresh your road riding skills. CCBR is holding an Experienced Rider Course at Sierra College on May 17th for 12 students. If we have more folks sign up, we can hold a second course on the same day. The course is a about 4.5 hours long with approximately 30 minutes for a tail gate safety session on new laws and safety for motorcyclists followed by four hours of riding range practice on your motorcycle. Take a look at the Experienced Rider course information posted on the website and sign up early.



Maximum Safety Enforcers at Rider Safety Training Course. Source: http://touringroads.wordpress.com

Club Activities & Ride Ideas

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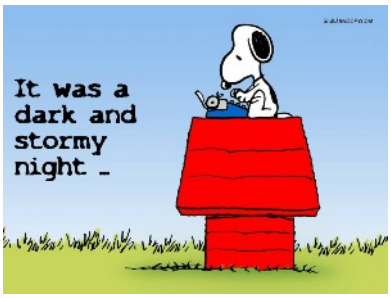

Dual Sport – Adventure – Domestic or Foreign rides with photos – Evaluation of motorcycle equipment – Farkles – Clothing – Service providers with photos – Comedy – Photos of CCBR Meetings and Rides. Captions make them even better!

1. **TEXT:** Send the text of your article in the body of an email or attach it as a .doc file.
2. **PICTURES:** Please do not embed pictures in text. Attach them to the email as .jpg files.
   - **WITH CAPTIONS:** Identify each picture by file name and write a caption for it. Include this in the body of the email or in the .doc file.
   - **WITHOUT CAPTIONS:** Pictures of members enjoying themselves while gathered for meetings or events are welcome. Try to have them looking at the camera and appearing to be having a great time.
3. **Send your e-mail to editor@ccbr.org**

2014 EVENT CALENDAR – For details go to www.ccbr.org

January 2014	February	March
Jan 05 CalMoto First Sunday Shop Ride of the Year Jan 11 CCBR Meeting in Petaluma	Feb 09 CCBR Meeting in Berkeley	Mar 09 CCBR Meeting in Jackson in the Sierra Foothills Mar 23 CCBR Club Ride to Carmel Valley
April	**May**	**June**
Apr 12 GPS Workshop - Tri-Club Event Apr 13 CCBR Meeting at Priest Station Cafe	May 02 Spring Fling 2014 May 11 CCBR Meeting in TBD - Possible Peninsula May 17 Experienced Rider Course for CCBR May 23 NorCal BMW's 49er Rally	Jun 08 CCBR Meeting in TBD
July	**August**	**September**
Jul 13 CCBR Meeting in TBD	Aug 10 CCBR Meeting in TBD Aug 29 Range of Light Gypsy Tour	Sep 12 29th Annual AUTUMN BEEMER BASH Sep 25 Horizon Unlimited Travelers Meeting - Mariposa
October	**November**	**December**
Oct 12 CCBR Meeting in TBD - Possible La Grange	Nov 09 CCBR Meeting in TBD	

Many thanks to our Event Calendar Editors - Jay MacDonald for meetings and Phil James for rides.

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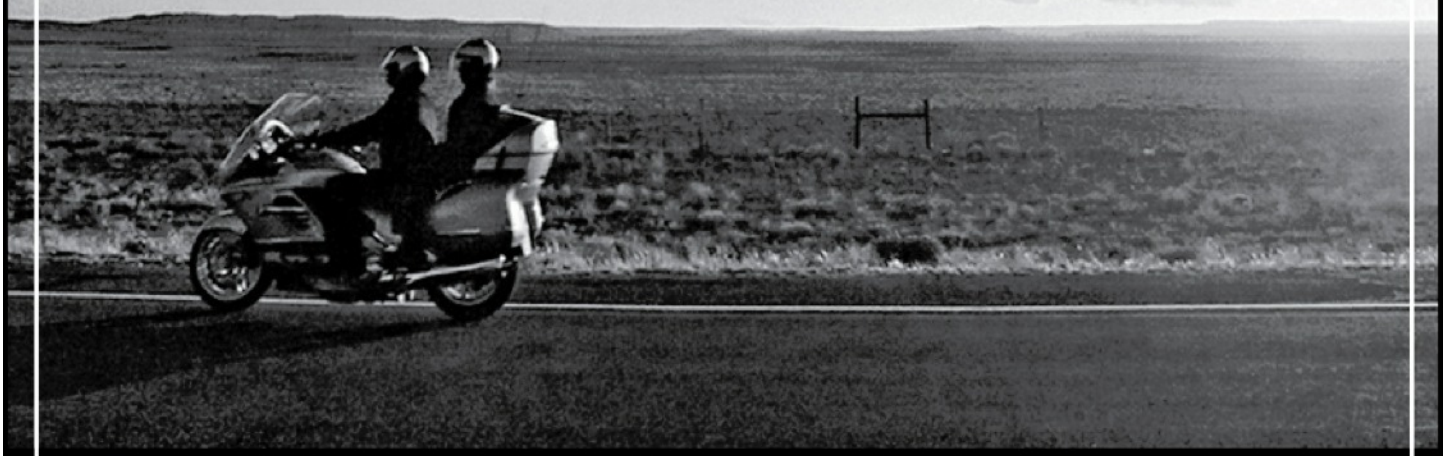

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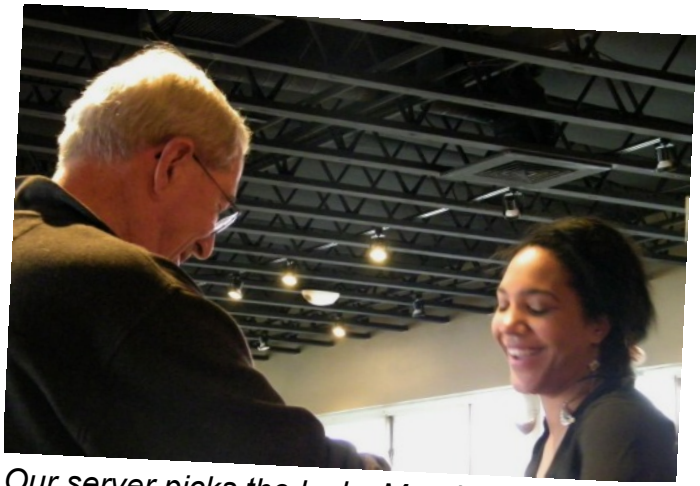
REVIEW by Rich Meissner

Who:	About 20 CCBR members and guests
What:	February meeting
Where:	T-Rex Restaurant and Bar in Berkeley
When:	February 9, 2014
Highlights:	Raffle for Mendocino B&B gift certificate (won by Ellen Kuykendall) and shelled walnuts provided by Rosemary and Lammert Williams.

Some rode, some drove.



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THE SAGA OF WACKY

Part 8B3 - Hetch Hetchy to Merced

By T J Forsyth

Can Wacky be hiding in one of these crevasses?

I hiked across the dam and up the north side of the reservoir. I looked for chicken tracks. I sometimes fancy myself as a game tracker. Does Wacky qualify as game? I didn't find any tracks or chicken scratchings. As a matter of fact I only found my own boot prints because I was walking backwards. I forgot to bring my magnifying glass so I was watching my steps.

I'd hate to fall from here; I might smash my car keys!

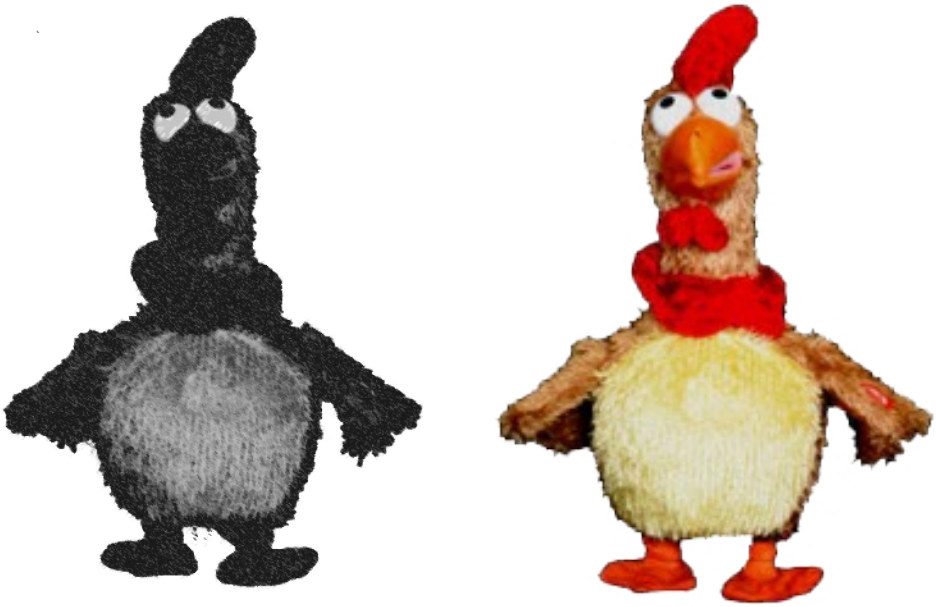
I peeked over the side of the dam so see if Wacky could be hiding down there.

Is Wacky hiding on the other side of the tunnel?

Is that Wacky taking a shower down there?

Wacky seems to be wasting a lot of water

I rushed down to where I thought I saw Wacky. As I arrived I saw a flash of color and then just the water and rocks, but no Wacky. Wacky has evaded me again! Then I started to have doubts about what I had seen. Did I really see Wacky or am I wacky like the sailor that sees a mermaid? Did I have a vision because that is what I wanted to perceive? Even with my doubts I still think I saw Wacky in the water. How could I have drawn this vibrant image of him if I didn't really see him?



A charcoal drawing of Wacky from memory and a magical colored one

Here is the secret of these drawings. I draw the pictures from memory in charcoal. Then I place the charcoal drawing in a high place such as on the roof of my house or up a telephone pole. I then stand on my left big toe and wrap my right elbow around my left knee. I then stick my small toe on my right foot in a glass of warm yogurt. If I am a southpaw, then I place my left hand in my right pocket otherwise I put it in my mouth. I then hope that no one will come in and see me in this ridiculous position. I have to hold this position until the drawing turns itself from a charcoal drawing into a gorgeous picture. And you thought I was hoofing it.

After my diligent search and not catching wacky I was very dejected. I looked down at my hands and what did discover? DIRTY FINGERNAILS! Dirty, soiled, unclean, sullied, grubby, filthy, grimy and obnoxious fingernails. I needed to get home so I could desoil and delouse them. I would have drawn a picture, but I don't want to show off my dirty thin horny covering that grows on the upper surface of the end of each finger. What a sickening, nauseating, sordid, revolting, and repulsive displeasure this was. I was having so much enjoyment I hated to leave just because I couldn't figure out how to unsoil my fingernails. I studied a map to find the route home. I decided to take Interstate 120 through Buck Mountains and Groveland. I then took Interstate 49 to Interstate 140. Boy was that a mistake.

was not nearly suggestive enough to describe the 251.5 Degree temperature that I encountered. I was so hot and yet I couldn't remove my gloves lest someone will see my dirty fingernails. I went past Don Pedro Lake and didn't stop, as I was very miserable due to the high temperature factor. I arrived in Merced looking like a roasted swine. How could I go from sheer joy to hot and miserable? I guess that I'm just lucky and I got to do it!

PLAYLAND-NOT-AT-THE-BEACH

By Rich Meissner

After the February CCBR meeting in Berkeley, I stopped by Playland-Not-At-The-Beach just a few miles away in El Cerrito. It is a museum with artifacts from Playland-At-The-Beach (San Francisco, torn down in 1972) and other amusement parks of the same era. The collection includes several classic pinball machines (and some modern examples) plus other games and attractions. If you visit, be sure to get a map at the front desk—the layout is somewhat of a maze.

MUSEUM of FUN
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Miniature Circus - Penny Arcade - Side Show
Pinball Machines - Carnival Games - Magic
Haunted House - Antique Amusement Devices
Playland-Not-At-The-Beach

Laughing Sal

Juke Box

Classic Pinball Machines

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Photo of Playland At The Beach

Miniature Circus

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NEWS FROM THE ROAD

By Jim and Glenda Fiedler

First of all we would like to wish all our CCBR friends a happy and healthy new year. We finally got everything together and left on our yearlong journey on January 23. We got off to a rocky start with 40-50 mile an hour winds east of Bakersfield. We spent one night on the side of the road waiting for the winds to die down, but they didn't. We persevered however, and made it to our first destination on the 25th. Our first ride of this trip took us from Menifee, CA to San Juan Capistrano on the other side of a great BMW riding mountain. The road is Highway 74 West from Perris through Lake Elsinore and then up and over. The first part of the ride is pretty mundane, and we missed 2 turns because the road signs weren't too clear. The second missed turn took us 10 miles out of our way. Once you get past Lake Elsinore, things get much more exciting. As you can see from the pictures, you have a lot of uphill twisties to get to the top. It was getting late when we got to the other side, so we opted to take I-5 to Oceanside, then cut over to I-15. The fog was coming in and a change to our electric jacket liners was in order. Sure glad we had them in the saddlebags. It's a really great ride although not an extremely long one.

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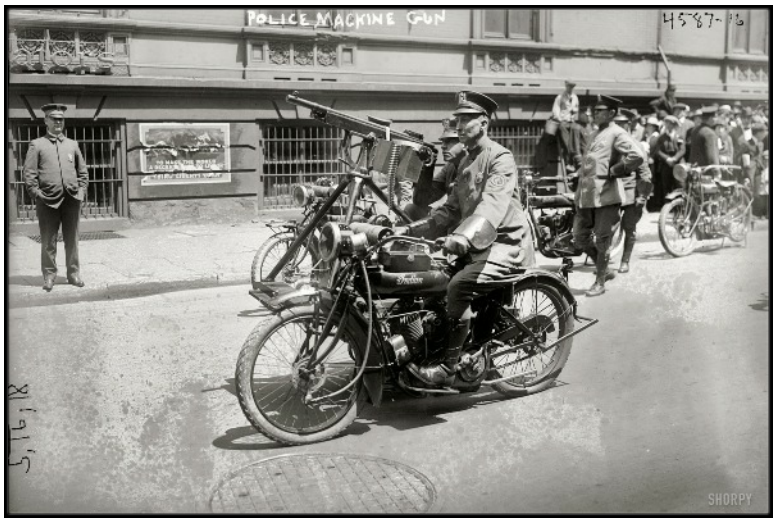

Editor,

The original scoot & shoot.

Russ Taylor

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Rich,

Just in case you didn't get this one, some of our members might be interested in playing the game. We can't, because we are out of state, but we have ordered our rubber chicken just for fun. Here is the link to the Cycle Specialties “John’s Rubber Chicken Small Town Tour”

https://www.facebook.com/rubberchickensmalltowntour

Glenda Oxford

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Hi Rich,

I added a new picture to my Facebook page. I love this shot from August 2002, coming down Black Bear Pass into Telluride. Dual sporting with my buddies.

Chuck Brown

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